

October Year's Worst Month in Traffic Deaths

With 372 deaths recorded and reports still coming in, October now stands as 1952's worst month for traffic fatalities, the California Highway Patrol said this week.

October's toll was 46 more than the previous high set in September, when 326 persons met death on streets and highways.

A breakdown of October figures shows that 78 of the victims were pedestrians, and that rural deaths outnumbered urban deaths by more than two to one.

Of the 372 persons killed, 287 died in accidents occurring in unincorporated areas, and the remaining 115 lost their lives within city limits.

October's toll pushes this year's traffic deaths to 2885, about 3 per cent more than last year at this time. In actual figures, 89 more persons have died this year, and 26 of them — almost one-third — met death in October.

City figures on traffic injuries are incomplete, but a check of rural reports shows that more than 4000 injuries in October hiked 1952's record to 99,892, almost a 10 per cent increase over the first ten months of 1951.

For the past 10 years, October, November and December have been the year's worst months, with traffic deaths in December dipping below 800 on only one occasion.

Don Townsend To Run Scout Xmas Tree Lot

Veteran Don Townsend has volunteered to operate the Boy Scout Christmas tree lot on the Jim Dandy parking lot at Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw, it was announced yesterday by Lynn Dane, who is supervising the annual sale for the Scouts.

The lot will be opened late this week-end or at least by Monday, Dec. 8, Dane said. Scouts are now selling tickets redeemable at the lot for trees after it opens. Proceeds of the tree sales will go to Torrance Scout units, Dane stressed.

Any Scout units who want to participate in the ticket sales and share the proceeds should contact Dane, Torrance 2211-W, he said. In addition to Christmas trees, the Scouts will offer for sale other decorative items such as wreaths, holly, and Yule trimmings.

'God's Abundance' C.S. Lecture Topic

Christian Scientist Arthur C. Whitney, Carmel, will lecture on "God's Abundance Available Through the Application of Christian Science" next Monday at 8 p.m. over station KPWB.

Whitney's speech will be given under the auspices of the Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, 7107 Hollywood Blvd.

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